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Please read all rules carefully. If you still have questions, contact us via email.: info@nailbeautycongress-championship.com.

Note: There is a limited number of spots available for participants in the arena categories. If all spots are sold out, we will notify you.

GENERAL RULES FOR LIVE AND ONLINE COMPETITIONS FOR NAIL BEAUTY CHAMPIONSHIP - SERBIA 2026.

1. **Registration for live competitions closes on March 5, 2026!!!**
2. **Registration for offline competitions closes on February 28, 2026!!! Works must be submitted no later than March 5, 2026!!!**
3. Mobile phones are not allowed for competitors or models during the competition and judging.
4. Competitors may use mobile phones and tablets during the day, but not during the competition. They may use social media during the event. Mobile photos MUST NOT be used as inspiration for the competition – you must use your own creativity, imagination, and skill during the day.
5. Minimum age for competitors and models is 18 years, except for the Baby Division, where competitors and models aged 16+ are allowed with a signed parental consent form.
6. Mentors – educators cannot be models for their students during the competition.
7. Tattoos must be covered and should not be visible to the judges. TATTOOS, RINGS, BRACELETS, WATCHES, AND OTHER MARKS ON THE MODEL'S HANDS ARE NOT ALLOWED.
8. Only competitors and their models are allowed to enter the competition arena. Translators are allowed but must be registered and authorized by the organizer before the competition. Any other person entering the arena must obtain permission from the organizer or floor judges – this applies to all categories.
9. Competitors will be allowed to set up their tools and products BEFORE the start of the competition. All boxes and tool bags (except personal handbags placed under the chair) will be moved to the back wall of the arena. They may not be placed on the worktable. No bags or suitcases may block the passage – it must be clear for floor judges. 5 penalty points will be given if items are left in the wrong place. If the work tables have drawers, products and tools may be stored in them.
10. Tool bags must be kept away from the tables and may not be accessed without permission from the floor judges. All products and tools for the category must be placed on the table. Any products not allowed for that category found on the table will be taken away and placed on a separate table. Competitors will be able to collect them after the competition ends. Repeated violations of this rule may result in a deduction of 10 points.
11. Competitors are not allowed to share products during the competition without the judge's permission.
12. Extension cords may only be used from the outlet provided for the table. They may not be used at another table (unless approved by the onsite electrician and deemed safe).
13. Each table has a workspace and two electrical outlets. The competitor is required to have adapters and extension cords for multiple devices. If a floor judge doubts the safety of an adapter, cord, or electrical device, electricians will be called to inspect it, which may delay the competitor's start time.
14. Desk lamps, UV/LED lamps, hand rests, electric files, and dust collectors are provided by the competitor.
15. Heaters or other local heating devices are not allowed; all local health and safety regulations must be followed.
16. Lighters or matches are prohibited. No open flame is allowed for heating nails, etc. This presents a fire hazard.
17. Each competition will have a briefing scheduled 15 minutes before the start of each category.
18. Competitors and models must be present at the briefing and remain at their tables until the end of the competition category.
19. Once the briefing begins, competitors must not touch their model's nails until the competition starts. If any competitor touches their model's nails after the briefing begins, 5 points will be deducted from the final score.
20. The model's nails will be checked by floor judges during registration to ensure no prior preparation has been done. If it is determined that the model was prepared before registration, the competitor will lose 10 points. Judges will also record any cuts or injuries to nails/skin before the event begins.
21. Tables, jackets, and bags will be inspected. All products on the worktable must be properly labeled. All nail products must be in original packaging with a declaration. The only exceptions are acetone or alcohol that have been poured into pump bottles and must be clearly labeled (e.g., written with a marker on the bottle – acetone, alcohol, etc.). All products used must be legal and cosmetically approved for nail use.
22. Nail forms must be used in the quantity specified in the category criteria. No pre-cutting is allowed. The use of 'form circles' for support is permitted, but no other types of supports not part of the form. If judges suspect any pre-adjustment, the decision will be made by the head judge and one additional judge, resulting in a 20-point deduction for the first offense and disqualification for the second offense in any subsequent category. That means the first offense may occur in one category, and the second in the same or another category.
23. The use of tweezers, clamps, or any tool for pinching the nail is not allowed.
24. The use of metal supports, metal tubes, or any metal bases under the forms is prohibited.
25. The length ratio of the nails should be such that the index and ring fingers are the same length, the thumb and middle finger slightly longer, and the pinky slightly shorter than the index and ring fingers (consistency and proportional length are important).
26. The use of creams, lotions, and oils is allowed.
27. When the designated time expires, competitors must stop working immediately. All competitors must leave the competition arena while all models remain for judging. (This will take time, so competitors are advised to take their bags with them.) Competitors will be allowed to return as soon as possible to clear their tables without interfering with the next competition. Models competing in the next category should raise their hands, go immediately to the floor judge, and be judged first for the just-finished category.
28. Any competitor found still working on their model after the competition has ended will be disqualified by the judge.
29. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their models understand the judging procedure and that they visit every judge before leaving. (There may be 5–10 judges behind the curtain.)
30. Models must not leave the arena until ALL judges have evaluated them. Any model who leaves before being judged will be disqualified.
31. Floor judges have the right to remove, disqualify, or assign penalty points to any competitor seen violating the rules.

32. Since this is an international competition – the organizer understands there are situations beyond our control. This means the organizer will accept a late competitor (already registered and expected) up to **10 minutes after the start** of the competition.
33. New registrations made on the day of the competition will not be accepted, as the computerized system locks one day before the competition. You **MUST** register before the registration deadline.
34. Please download the scoring sheets from the NAIL BEAUTY CHAMPIONSHIP website so you can see exactly where the points are awarded.
35. **Team Trophy:** A team must include a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 competitors, regardless of their division.
36. Any competitor who does not follow all rules will receive penalty points assigned by the floor judges. For rules that do not specify a deduction, one warning will be given; after that, a 5-point deduction will be applied for the next warning, and disqualification for the third violation.
37. Judges' decisions are final. Score sheets will be sent by email within **15 days** after the event.
38. At the end of the NAIL BEAUTY CHAMPIONSHIP event, there will be no individual judge critiques or scoring sheet reviews.
39. You may ask judges for their opinion about your work while the nails are still in the competition area.
40. The rule criteria and scoring forms follow international standards. If you need additional information, download the guidelines at www.nailbeautycongress-championship.com.
41. In the case of tied results, the winner will be determined by the head judge's score.
42. Be kind to your model. It's a long day for them. Make sure they use the restroom before the competition. Ensure your model is fed and well-hydrated throughout the day. Your model may keep track of your time on a wristwatch but must remove it before judging.
43. During the competition, and at the judges' discretion, the model and competitor may use the restroom only if accompanied by a judge or organizer.
44. All reports of rule violations will result in disqualification.
45. The Nail Beauty Championship team is not responsible for any competitor or model who does not follow or understand the rules.
46. Please use the hashtags **#nailbeautychampionship #nbc2026 #nailbeautychampionship2026 #nailbeautychampionshipserbia**.
47. **NOTE TO EVERYONE:**

The Nail Beauty Championship team welcomes and encourages competitors to monitor the competitions. Please inform the team if you have previously seen any artwork shown at another competition anywhere in the world. You must be able to prove it with evidence. The same applies to any rule violations of the Nail Beauty Championship witnessed on site. Please inform one of the floor judges immediately.
48. *For the offline Poster category, the work must be sent by email, indicating the category, division, competitor's full name, city and country, and address. If you win a medal or trophy and cannot attend the ceremony, it will be mailed to that address. Send your entry to info@nailbeautycongress-championship.com before the deadline, stating that the work is for competition registration.*
49. *For the offline categories TIP BOX and ONE NAIL IN FOCUS, the work must be delivered in person or sent to the following address before the deadline, clearly stating that the work is for competition registration:*
Estetic Center & Education QUEEN ROOM, Praška 25, 11030 Belgrade, Serbia.
Include the category, division, competitor's full name, city and country, and address. If you win a medal or trophy and cannot attend the ceremony, it will be mailed to that address. Please ensure that the work is properly packed for transport.

DIVISIONS, TEAM TROPHY AND WINNER OF THE WINNER

DIVISIONS

BABY DIVISION – Students from schools and beginners with a maximum of 1 year of experience. With signed parental consent, competitors and models may be 16+ years old.

DIVISION 1 – Beginners (non-educators)

Students and professional nail technicians who have never participated in any nail competition anywhere in the world. (NO educators/trainers are allowed in this category.)

Nail Beauty Championship will accept registration in Division 1 if you have not entered more than 2 national nail competitions in the 12 months prior to Nail Beauty Championship.

DIVISION 2 – Juniors (beginner level educators)

Students and professional nail technicians who have competed but have never won a nail competition anywhere in the world or have placed up to 2nd position. All educators **MUST** use this as their starting level unless they compete in the Master – Division 3.

DIVISION 3 – Masters

Any competitor who has won a world title, a first place at any nail competition, or is ranked as a top competitor.

TEAM TROPHY

What counts as a team?

A team consists of 3 to 6 people from the same or different divisions. Each competitor must register and select as well as fill in the team name and the names of other team members (only for registrations at the Nail Beauty Championship). There is only one winning team.

Included: Flat Art, Mix Media, Pink & White, Salon Almond, Stiletto Nails, One Nail in Focus.

► **NOT INCLUDED** – everything except the categories listed above.

WINNER OF THE WINNER

Included: Pink & White, Salon Almond, Stiletto Nails, 5 Forms, Flat Art, Mix Media, One Nail in Focus. Competitors must participate in 4 or more categories.

There is one winner per division. The 4 highest scores from all registered categories will be added together.

► **NOT INCLUDED** – everything except the categories listed above.

CRITERIA AND RULES FOR LIVE COMPETITION BY CATEGORIES DURING NAIL BEAUTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2026.

GEL POLISH MANICURE

Two hands – 90 minutes

GEL POLISH MANICURE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026	
08.30 - 09.00 h	Registration gel polish for manicure
09.00 - 09.15 h	Setting up the table for gel polish manicure, manual check and briefing
09.15 - 10.45 h	Competition time - Gel polish manicure - both hands on model - 90 min
10.45 - 11.00 h	Clean the tables and leave the competition arena
10.45 - 12.15 h	Judging time of the category GEL POLISH MANICURE

1. TASK AND TIME

1. This competition is done only on natural nails – duration 90 minutes for both hands.
2. The model must not have a previous manicure on the nails; nail preparation is done during the competition.
3. In this category, only products for gel polish technique are used, and no gels are allowed.
4. No design elements are required. Only a perfect, flawless set of nails.

2. BOTH HANDS ON MODEL

1. **The right** hand is created in a solid **red** color on the natural nail plate.
2. **The left** hand is finished in the traditional **french** manicure style on the natural nail plate.

3. ALLOWED

1. Allowed free edge length on the natural nail is up to a maximum of 3mm.
2. The use of an electric file, bits for combined manicure, scissors, nippers, and pushers is allowed.
3. The use of all types of manual files is allowed.
4. The use of any type of gel polish in a bottle is allowed.
5. The use of white gel polish in a bottle on the free edge for French manicure and transparent top coat gel polish in a bottle for the final layer (high gloss only) is allowed.
6. White and transparent pink, clear or camouflage gel polish in a bottle, as well as colored base coats with camouflage shades for the nail, are allowed.
7. A thin nail art brush is allowed for creating the smile line.
8. Classic Ferrari red gel polish in a bottle is recommended.
9. All preparatory liquids (dehydrator, primers, and bases) are allowed.
10. Water and soap prepared in advance on the table may be used at the end.

4. NOT ALLOWED

1. Acrylic paint, matte top coat, colored gel or gel polish in a jar/bottle/tube, acrylic, builder gel, or hybrid/poly gel/acry gel are not allowed.
2. Touching the nails or any prior preparation before the start of the competition is not allowed. The manicure must not be pre-done.
3. Glitters, shimmers, powders, or any color with pearl, glitter, or shimmer are not allowed.
4. All colors must be without pearl and metallic effect.
5. The use of decorations, stickers, and stamping technique is not allowed.
6. Hard gel/builder gel, acrylic, or hybrid are not allowed.
7. Extension of the nail plate is not allowed. The nail plate/natural nail must be product-free before the competition starts.
8. All products and covering materials must be in their original packaging – with a clear and correct label.
9. If a competitor is seen cleaning hands and nails after the competition has ended with any product or canned air, it results in immediate disqualification.
10. Any residue or dust under the nails will result in negative points.

5. TIP

Read the score sheets. Check the point distribution. See where you can get the most points and where the least. This will help with your time and focus. It is useful to know where you can gain points and where you might unnecessarily lose them.

SALONSKI NOKTI

Jedna ruka 75 min

SALON NAILS - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026	
10.30 - 11.00 h	Registration salon nails
11.00 - 11.15 h	Setting up the table for salon nails, manual check and briefing
11.15 - 12.30 h	Competition time - Salon nails – one hand on model - 75 min
12.30 - 12.45 h	Clean the tables and leave the competition arena
12.30 - 14.00 h	Judging time of the category SALON NAILS

1. TASK AND TIME

1. Sculpted nails created in salon style – duration 75 minutes for one hand.
2. The model may already have a manicure on the nails; nail preparation can be done before the competition.
3. Show your skills as a salon professional: nails for everyday clients.
4. Nails must be done in French manicure style. Painted French.
5. The competitor chooses which hand to work on.
6. The competitor chooses the most suitable shape according to the fingers and nail condition.
7. The ratio of the sculpted free edge length to the nail bed must not be less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the nail plate and must not be greater than $\frac{1}{1}$ of the nail plate length.
8. Allowed systems: LED/UV Gel, AcryGel (mixing systems is not allowed). Shape, style, and extend the nails accordingly.
9. The finish should be done with a glossy top coat gel.

2. ALLOWED

1. There must be a roll of **ONLY & EXACTLY 10** forms on the table. Judges will carefully inspect each table.
2. The use of an electric file, bits for combined manicure, scissors, nippers, and pushers is allowed.
3. The use of all types of manual files is allowed.
4. The use of Gel or AcryGel systems is allowed.
5. The use of white gel or gel polish for drawing the French line and transparent top coat gel in a bottle for the final layer (high shine) is allowed.
6. A thin brush for drawing the French line is allowed.
7. Water and soap prepared in advance on the table may be used at the end.
8. All preparatory liquids (dehydrator, primers, and bases) are allowed.

3. NOT ALLOWED

1. Acrylic paint and matte top coat are not allowed.
2. Glitters, shimmers, powders, or any colors with pearl, glitter, or shimmer effects are not allowed.
3. All colors must be without pearl and metallic effects.
4. The use of decorations, stickers, and stamping technique is not allowed.
5. Mixing Gel and AcryGel systems is not allowed.
6. Mixing camouflage and white gels is not allowed.
7. All products and covering materials must be in their original packaging – with a clear and correct label.
8. Preparation and cutting of forms before the competition are not allowed.
9. If a competitor is seen cleaning hands or nails after the competition has ended with any product or canned air, it results in immediate disqualification.
10. Any residue or dust under the nails will result in negative points.

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PINK & WHITE - GEL & ACRYL/POLY GEL

One hand 90 min

GEL PINK & WHITE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026	
12.15 - 12.45 h	Registration PINK & WHITE – gel and acryl/poly gel
12.45 - 13.00 h	Setting up the table for PINK & WHITE – gel, manual check and briefing
13.00 - 14.30 h	Competition time - PINK & WHITE – gel – LEFT HAND 90 min
14.30 - 14.45 h	Clean the tables and leave the competition arena if you are not participating in the acryl gel PINK & WHITE category. Setting up the table acryl gel, manual check and briefing.
14.30 - 16.00 h	Judging only for models in the gel category
ACRYL/POLY GEL PINK & WHITE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026	
15.00 - 16.30 h	Acryl gel PINK & WHITE – RIGHT HAND – 90 min
16.30 - 16.45 h	Clean the tables and leave the competition arena
16.30 - 18.00 h	Judging time models acryl gel PINK & WHITE
18.00 – 19.00h	Judging time PERFECT MATCH

1. TASK AND TIME:

1. **Extension with gel on LEFT hand of the model** using only builder gel.
Extension with acryl gel on RIGHT hand of the model using only acry/poly gel.
2. This means there is a possibility to participate in 2 competitions within one category, but with different materials.
3. On the underside of the nail – judges **must** see white under 3 nails, which means 3 nails should be made in French style with camouflage and white (index, middle, and ring finger), and the remaining two (thumb and pinky) should be painted in red.
4. The competitor chooses whether to use camouflage gel for extension on all 5 nails or transparent pink or clear gel for the classic style.
5. **NOTE - it is not necessary to create lunulae/moons on the nail – there are no extra points for lunulae**

2. BOTH HANDS ON MODEL

1. Those who work on both hands will be asked to stop after 90 minutes in the Gel technique and will have a 15-minute break before starting on the other hand with Acryl gel.
2. During that time, floor judges will first take their models for judging of the hand done in the Gel technique.
3. For those participating in both competitions – the hands will be compared for the Perfect Match competition and judged in the areas of apex, sidewall parallels, c-curve and smile line, surface smoothness, and side consistency for a maximum of 50 points.

3. PERFECT MATCH:

What does perfect match mean? If a participant registers for the Gel Technique category (left hand) and the Acryl Gel category (right hand) on the same model, the judges will then evaluate both hands and assess the equality of the nails. The more similar both hands (gel and acry/poly gel) are, the higher the score will be. The evaluation will include apex, sidewall parallels, c-curve and smile line, surface smoothness, and side consistency for a maximum of 50 points.

4. NAIL POLISH

1. Competitors must apply red regular polish on 2 nails on each hand (thumb and pinky) of the model – base coats, filling gels, gel polish, or classic top coat are not allowed.
2. The polish can be of the competitor's choice but must not have any metallic, shiny, matte, or pearly effect.
3. The thumb and pinky must have a gel top gloss finish underneath the red polish.

5. ALLOWED

1. Manicure, in terms of cuticle care and cleaning, is allowed to be done at home the day before.
2. For extensions, **ONLY & EXACTLY 25** forms per competition are allowed. Judges will carefully inspect each table.
3. The use of an electric file, bits for combined manicure, scissors, nippers, and pushers is allowed.
4. The use of all types of manual files is allowed.
5. In the gel technique, only builder gels are allowed (no paint gels for drawing French), and in the acryl gel technique, only products for that system are allowed, without mixing with other systems or products (except clear gel for overlay).
6. For the final layer, it is allowed to use Top Gel in a jar or Top Gel in a bottle.
7. Only classic red nail polish is allowed for coating two nails (no glitter or shimmer).
8. All preparatory liquids (dehydrator, primers, and bases) are allowed, as well as the use of base gels.
9. At the end, water and soap prepared in advance on the table may be used.

6. NOT ALLOWED

1. It is not allowed to use gel polish, colored gel (white or camouflage). The camouflage must also be built.
2. Touching the nails or any prior preparation before the start of the competition is not allowed. The manicure must not be pre-done.
3. The use of plastic tips is not allowed.
4. Glitters, shimmers, powders, or any color with pearl, glitter, or shimmer are not allowed.
5. In the Gel technique competition, hybrid gels/any type of poly gel, acrylic, colored gel polish, and colored bases are not allowed.
6. In the Acryl Gel technique competition, hybrid gels/any type of builder gel, acrylic, colored gel polish, and colored bases are not allowed.
7. No tools, cutters, or e-file bits that assist in creating the smile line are allowed. Only manual files may be used.
8. Paint gel is not allowed. The French must be built.
9. Pre-cutting and shaping of forms before the competition are not allowed. Floor judges will confiscate such forms.
10. Mixing cover gels or white colors before and during the competition in the arena is not allowed.
11. The use of glue is not allowed for gel building categories and must not be on the nail table.
12. All products and covering materials must be in their original packaging – with a clear and correct label.
13. If a competitor is seen cleaning hands or nails after the competition has ended with any product or canned air, it results in immediate disqualification.
14. Any residue or dust under the nails will result in negative points.

5. TIP

Choose a model with straight fingers and nails – in this discipline, perfect structure and French style are the most important. Read the score sheets. Check the point distribution. See where you can get the most points and where the least. This will help with your time and focus. It is useful to know where you can gain points and where you might unnecessarily lose them.

5 FORMS – 5 forms challenge

GOTHIC ALMOND, SQUARE, PIPE, STILETTO, COFFIN

One hand 150 min

5 FORMS THURSDAY MARCH 19 2026	
08.30 - 09.00 h	Registration 5 FORMS
09.00 - 09.15 h	Setting up the table for 5 FORMS – manual check and briefing
09.15 - 11.45 h	Competition time - 5 FORMS – 5 nails 150 min
11.45 - 12.00 h	Clean the tables and leave the competition arena
11.45 - 13.15 h	Judging time models acryl/poly gel 5 FORMS

1. TASK AND TIME:

1. Nails must be sculpted on forms on **one hand of the model or on your own hand**.
2. You must sculpt 5 different shapes on one hand, with a minimum length of 5 cm from the cuticle area to the free edge, in the following order:
3. **Thumb:** Pipe shape – full cover technique, covered only with top gloss.
Index: Square shape – full cover technique, covered only with top gloss.
Middle: Gothic Almond shape – full cover technique, covered only with top gloss.
Ring: Stiletto shape – full cover technique, covered only with top gloss.
Pinky: Coffin shape – full cover technique, covered only with top gloss.
4. Competitors will have 150 minutes to complete the hand.
5. All 5 nails must be of the same length, no shorter than 5 cm.
6. Everything must be done in full cover technique, without 3D elements or color coating.
7. The surface should be smooth and glossy. It can be polished or sealed with a top coat.
8. All products must be in their original packaging – with a clear and correct label.

2. ALLOWED

1. Manicure, in terms of cuticle care and cleaning, is allowed to be done at home the day before.
2. There must be a roll of **ONLY & EXACTLY 25** forms on the table. Judges will carefully inspect each table.
3. The use of an electric file, bits for combined manicure, scissors, nippers, and pushers is allowed.
4. The use of all types of manual files is allowed.
5. It is allowed to work in gel or acryl/poly gel technique; the competitor chooses which technique to use, but the techniques cannot be combined.
6. For the final layer, it is allowed to use Top Gel in a jar or Top Gel in a bottle.
7. All preparatory liquids (dehydrator, primers, and bases) are allowed, as well as the use of base gels.
8. At the end, water and soap prepared in advance on the table may be used.

3. NOT ALLOWED

1. Polishing is not allowed.
2. Touching the nails or any prior preparation before the start of the competition is not allowed.
3. Glitters, shimmers, powders, or any color with pearl, glitter, or shimmer are not allowed.
4. All camouflage gel colors and top glosses must be without pearl and metallic effect.
5. Pre-cutting and shaping of forms before the competition are not allowed. Floor judges will confiscate such forms.
6. Mixing cover gels before and during the competition in the arena is not allowed.
7. The use of glue is not allowed for gel building categories and must not be on the nail table.
8. Gel polish or thin colored gel must not be used. Everything is done with cover gel.
9. All products and covering materials must be in their original packaging – with a clear and correct label.
10. If a competitor is seen cleaning hands and nails after the competition has ended with any product, such as canned air, it results in immediate disqualification.
11. Any residue or dust under the nails will result in negative points.

4. TIP

Read the score sheets. Check the point distribution. See where you can get the most points and where the least. This will help with your time and focus. It is useful to know where you can gain points and where you might unnecessarily lose them.

SALON ALMOND – 3 nails 60 min.

THEME: Chanel elegance

SALONSKI BADEM THURSDAY MARCH 19 2026	
11.30 - 12.00 h	Registration SALON ALMOND
12.00 - 12.15 h	Setting up the table for SALON ALMOND – manual check and briefing
12.15 - 13.15 h	Competition time - SALON ALMOND – 3 nails 60 min
13.15 - 13.30 h	Clean the tables and leave the competition arena
13.15 - 14.45 h	Judging time models SALON ALMOND

1. TASK AND TIME:

1. The competitor may work on their own hand or on a model.
2. The competitor chooses whether to work in gel technique or acryl/poly gel technique – everything is allowed!
3. A beautiful shape, design, style, and skill are required.
4. An invitation for professionals to showcase their skills in design and salon modeling.
5. There are no length limitations.
6. These nails can be commercial salon nails, they can be extreme, but they must be original and inspiring.
7. Each nail must be different in design but form a composition when all three are viewed together. They must be of the same length and shape.
8. Design 3 nails (excluding the pinky and thumb). Judges will be looking for the WOW effect.
9. This competition is designed to showcase a range of your creative and technical skills.

2. ALLOWED

1. Manicure, in terms of cuticle care and cleaning, is allowed to be done at home the day before.
2. For extensions, ONLY & EXACTLY 10 forms per competition are allowed.
3. The use of an electric file, bits for combined manicure, scissors, nippers, and pushers is allowed.
4. The use of all types of manual files is allowed.
5. You may use gels, acryl/poly gels, gel polishes, paint gels, glitters, foils, rhinestones... (all nail decorations), but decorations must not exceed 20%.
6. 3D is allowed, but up to 3mm.
7. For the final layer, it is allowed to use Top Gel in a jar or Top Gel in a bottle.
8. All preparatory liquids (dehydrator, primers, and bases) are allowed, as well as the use of base gels.
9. At the end, water and soap prepared in advance on the table may be used.

3. NOT ALLOWED

1. No more than 20% of decorations are allowed on each nail.
2. Touching the nails or any prior preparation before the start of the competition is not allowed.
3. Pre-cutting and shaping of forms before the competition are not allowed. Floor judges will confiscate such forms.
4. The use of glue is not allowed for gel building categories and must not be on the nail table.
5. All products and covering materials must be in their original packaging – with a clear and correct label.
6. Any residue or dust under the nails will result in negative points.
7. If a competitor is seen cleaning hands and nails after the competition has ended with any product, such as canned air, it results in immediate disqualification.

4. TIP

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STILETTO NAILS

One hand 120 min.

STILETTO NAILS THURSDAY MARCH 19 2026	
13.00 – 13.30 h	Registration STILETTO NAILS
13.30 - 13.45 h	Setting up the table for STILETTO NAILS – manual check and briefing
13.45 - 15.45 h	Competition time - STILETTO NAILS – 5 nails 120 min
15.45 – 16.00 h	Clean the tables and leave the competition arena
15.45 - 17.15 h	Judging time models acryl/poly gel STILETTO NAILS

1. TASK AND TIME:

1. Nails must be sculpted on forms **on one hand of the model or on your own hand**.
2. Nails can be done in gel or acryl gel technique.
3. Thumb and pinky nails are done in pink & white technique (cover & white), with a clear smile line.
4. Index, middle, and ring fingers are also done in built French technique, but with a design of choice.
5. The design can be encapsulated, used as inlay, or placed on the surface of the nails, but the height must not exceed 3 mm.
6. Minimum length is 5 cm.
7. The stiletto nail must taper symmetrically and consistently in a straight line from the natural free edge to a sharp point.
8. From the side view, the free edge must extend straight from the growth point to the end of the length. A true stiletto finishes in a point.
9. All designs must be original.

2. ALLOWED

1. Manicure, in terms of cuticle care and cleaning, is allowed to be done at home the day before.
2. There must be a roll of **ONLY & EXACTLY 25** forms on the table. Judges will carefully inspect each table.
3. The use of an electric file, bits for combined manicure, scissors, nippers, and pushers is allowed.
4. You may use gels, acryl/poly gels, gel polishes, paint gels, glitters, foils, rhinestones... (all nail decorations), but decorations must not exceed 20%.
5. 3D is allowed, but up to 3mm.
6. The use of all types of manual files is allowed.
7. It is allowed to work in gel or acryl/poly gel technique; the competitor chooses which technique to use, but the techniques cannot be combined.
8. For the final layer, it is allowed to use Top Gel in a jar or Top Gel in a bottle.
9. All preparatory liquids (dehydrator, primers, and bases) are allowed, as well as the use of base gels.
10. Competitors must bring a UV or LED gel lamp.
11. At the end, water and soap prepared in advance on the table may be used.

3. NOT ALLOWED

1. Paint gel is not allowed for built French, but it is allowed for creating designs. The French must be built.
2. Touching the nails or any prior preparation before the start of the competition is not allowed.
3. Stickers are not allowed. This means that pre-designed or printed applications or stickers may not be used.
4. No tools, cutters, or e-file bits that assist in creating the smile line are allowed. Only manual files may be used.
5. Pre-cutting and shaping of forms before the competition are not allowed. Floor judges will confiscate such forms.
6. Mixing cover gels or white colors before and during or before the competition in the arena is prohibited.
7. The use of glue is not allowed for gel building categories and must not be on the nail table.
8. No more than 20% of decorations are allowed on each nail.
9. All products and covering materials must be in their original packaging – with a clear and correct label.
10. If a competitor is seen cleaning hands and nails after the competition has ended with any product, such as canned air, it results in immediate disqualification.
11. Any residue or dust under the nails will result in negative points.

4. TIP

Read the score sheets. Check the point distribution. See where you can get the most points and where the least. This will help with your time and focus. It is useful to know where you can gain points and where you might unnecessarily lose them.

FANTASY NAILS – OVERALL LOOK

THEME: open

FANTASY NAILS THURSDAY MARCH 19 2026	
15.30 – 16.00 h	Registration FANTASY NAILS
16.00 - 16.15 h	Setting up the table for FANTASY NAILS – and briefing
16.15 - 17.15 h	Competition time - FANTASY NAILS – complete look 60 min
17.15 – 18.00 h	Clean the tables and leave the competition arena
18.00 - 19.00 h	Runway and judging time models FANTASY NAILS

1. TASK AND TIME:

1. The fantasy work must be done exclusively on natural nails.
2. Only the model and the competitor are allowed in the competition area. Costume, makeup, and hairstyle should be prepared before the start of the competition and may be a team effort.
3. Nails must be added to the complete look during the 60-minute competition, and exclusively by the competitor, without any additional help.
4. All elements or decorations that will be placed on the nails may be completely made before the competition and then assembled and attached during the competition itself.
5. It is necessary to create 10 separate nails that will be attached during the competition to 10 natural nails — one nail for each finger.
6. The model must wear the costume before the start of the competition, and final details can be added during the competition.
7. The costume carries significant weight in the scoring (1–20 points), as this competition emphasizes creativity, complexity, and how well the theme of the complete design and costume work together. The model must be dressed according to the theme — from head to toe.
8. The work must be presented with a short description card (up to 50 words) in English and Serbian, placed at the model's feet during judging. The description must include the theme, nail art media used, techniques, products, and materials applied in the creation.
9. Step-by-step photos are not allowed. Photos of the work or the artist may result in point deduction or disqualification.
10. Points may be lost if design elements are purchased ready-made and only decorated.
11. All elements must be neat and precisely finished, without visible traces of glue, dust, or material residue.
12. The level of difficulty is judged based on the detail and complexity of each element. Less is sometimes more — size does not necessarily mean a better result.

2. ALLOWED

1. Nails may be sculpted and prepared before the competition.
2. The team may assist with hair, makeup, and costume before the start of the competition.
3. 3D elements, pre-made decorations, feathers, stickers, rhinestones, accessories, ornaments, and any type of fantasy decorations are allowed.

3. NOT ALLOWED

1. No team member is allowed to be present in the competition area once the competition begins.
2. Before the start of the competition, there must be nothing on the model's nails — the nails are attached exclusively to natural nails. No gel polish, regular polish, etc.
3. Step-by-step photos are not allowed.
4. Purchased, ready-made decorations must not simply be covered with nail products — fantasy elements must be handmade from scratch.
5. All works must be new for the Nailympia competition and can be entered only once. Reusing works from previous years is not allowed.
6. The work must not have been previously published on social media, competitions, or magazines.
7. Works that are merely modified versions of previous competition entries are not allowed.
8. The model's nails must not have any polish, French, or natural overlays, nor gel polish — only natural nails in the competition area. A manicure may be done beforehand. A 10-point deduction will be applied if nails have any kind of polish or base coat.

1. TIP

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